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WE NEED MORE STAKE MISSIONARIES, SAYS NEW MISSION PRESIDENT

"The field is ripe for harvest, and there is no richer harvest that can be had than right in our own neighborhood," is the sentiment with which President Oscar Fontana, head of Oakland Stake Mission, begins his new labors. Our mission is one of the oldest and most successful in the Church, but right now it is suffering from a depletion of workers due to numerous releases, and the first job of the new head is to build up a new missionary group in each ward. Stake missionaries are called to labor in a manner similar to foreign missionaries, but are not expected to put in full time. They are expected to devote the equivalent of two or more evenings per week to the service, and specific instructions have been received from the general authorities that those called are to be relieved of all other ward and Stake assignments. It is the aim to rotate this work among all ward members so that all may have a taste of missionary experience and grasp its importance. To that end President Fontana will be contacting each bishop to ascertain the names of those available for this work.



Oscar Fontana

President Fontana was born in Switzerland, September 2, 1886; he was educated there, and reared a member of the Roman Catholic Church. However, he was restless and when 17 began to cast about for a religion that would more nearly satisfy his longings. At this time, and after earnest prayer, he came across a pamphlet entitled "Joseph Smith and the Gospel of Jesus Christ." It led him to an intensive investigation and contact with some members of the Church. He was baptized in the summer of 1905. Two years later he was married and reared a family of twelve children, ten of whom are still living.

In 1924 he came to California and has remained here since. He has occupied many positions in the Church; at present, in addition to his newly assigned missionary duties, he is senior president of the 247th Quorum of Seventy. He has been engaged in our Stake mission since its organization. When set apart as its latest president he expressed himself as being grateful because he loves to preach the gospel.

GREEN AND GOLD BALL SUCCESSFUL

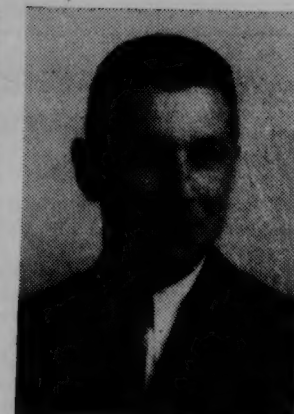
Probably the largest crowd ever to attend the leading social function of the season filled the Scottish Rite ball room to capacity for the annual Green and Gold Ball March 15th. The crowd was so large that it was even uncomfortable to dance at times. Highlight of the evening was the crowning of the queen. This year Miss Doris Gilbert of Vallejo ward was the successful candidate. The coronation was followed with an exhibition of the new M. I. A. dance very gracefully done.

A NEW WARD IS BORN



Above is pictured the first Sunday school of Maxwell Park ward, held March 10th at the Masonic Temple on Foothill, Oakland. The meeting was attended by 177 people. President Hilton presided and the time was consumed in presenting and sustaining the heads of various departments and in timely instruction.

Bishop Robert T. Paine chose as his first and second counselors, Elders Clarence J. Brossard and Truman Nethercott. Elder Brossard, a native of Richmond, Utah, spent most of his early life in Idaho on a cattle ranch. He later attended the Utah Agricultural College, then moved to California in 1913 as general manager of the Wattis Realty and Live Stock Company. He came to Oakland in 1926 and is associated with the Pacific Gas & Electric Company. He has been very active in Church work, and for a time was in the Dimond ward bishopric. Elder Nethercott is a young man who has been very popular in younger circles in the Stake, very active in both Sunday School and M. I. A.



Clarence J. Brossard Truman Nethercott

The spirit of the new ward was evidenced by the announcement of Bishop Paine that regular meetings would be held in all departments from the very beginning, in spite of the fact that at the time the announcement was made, full organization was not completed.

STAKE VANBALL TOURNAMENT PROGRESSING

The Oakland Stake vanball tournament got underway March 14 at the Frick Junior High in Oakland, with three teams entered. The first evening contests were very close, with two out of the six games played going to duce, which requires extra periods of play to decide the winners. The remainder of the tournament will be played on Thursday nights at 8:00 until a winner is decided. The winning team in the Stake will be awarded a vanball championship pennant, which is now being made by George E. Southgate, Berkeley tailor. The tournament is sponsored by the Stake Scout-Explorer committee. Reed Smith is vanball chairman. The games are free and anyone interested is invited to come out and enjoy them.

Team standings as THE MESSENGER goes to press are as follows:

	Won	Lost
Claremont	1	0
Dimond	0	1
Elmhurst	1	1

ERRATUM

THE MESSENGER regrets that in its last issue the name of Bishop Robert T. Paine of Maxwell Park ward was incorrectly spelled.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, April 5—Alameda entertains Hayward, Dimond, Elmhurst; Richmond entertains Berkeley, Claremont, Oakland.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 5, 6, 7—Semi-annual general conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Friday, April 19—Stake Beehive Swarm Day.

Friday, April 26 — Elmhurst entertains Hayward, Dimond, Alameda; Martinez entertains Napa, Vallejo, Pittsburg.

Friday, May 3—Dimond entertains Alameda, Elmhurst, Hayward; Richmond entertains Berkeley, Claremont, Oakland.

Tuesday, May 7—M. I. A. THEME FESTIVAL.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he
will prepare the way before me; and the Lord
whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his
temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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WARD TEACHERS' MESSAGE FOR APRIL, 1940

Family Prayer

"All things whatsoever ye shall ask in
prayer believing, ye shall receive."
—Matt. 21:22.

From the dawn of history, prayer has been
one of man's greatest sources of comfort,
solace, faith, and power.

In our Church both individual and family
prayer have been taught from the beginning.
There has been no change in that teaching.
Latter-day Saints are urged to engage in both
secret and family prayer.

In the revelations (see Doctrine and Coven-
ants, Section 66, revelation on prayer, and
Section 68, verses 28 and 33) it is made clear
that members of the Church are to pray and
to teach their children to pray. These instruc-
tions are given:

Pray unto the Lord, call upon His holy
name. . . . And they shall teach their children
to pray and to walk uprightly before the
Lord. . . . And a commandment I give unto
them, that he that observeth not his prayers
before the Lord in the season therefore, let
him be had in remembrance before the Judge
of my people.

In days like these, described a hundred years
ago in prophecy as "the days to come," that
family which engages in regular family prayer
is unified, strengthened, and fortified against
temptation and trouble. Today in thousands
of Latter-day Saint homes this important duty
is discharged religiously and the blessings of
the Lord are received. In other homes it has
ceased. This is regrettable.

What should we pray for? The Lord's
Prayer answers that question. It is a model.
The Savior said: "After this manner shall
ye pray." Some may say, "Why should we
pray audibly when the Lord can understand
our very thoughts?" If we were speaking
directly to Him would we not speak audibly?

Brigham Young said:
In our family circles let every heart be
united with the one who takes the lead by
being mouth before the Lord, and let every
person mentally repeat the prayers and all
unite in whatever is asked for, and the Lord
will not withhold, but will give to such persons
the things which they ask for and rightly need.
The principal objective of Ward Teaching
suggested for April, 1940, is to bring about
a revival of the practice of family prayer in
the homes of the Saints.

MESSAGE OF THE STAKE PRESIDENCY

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In many respects the growth of Oak-
land Stake, since its organization five
years ago, is nothing short of phenome-
nal. We lack but a few of having as
many people as there were on the records
of the old San Francisco Stake at the
time of the division. This growth has
been reflected in the creation of two new
branches, two new wards, and the pro-
motion of one branch into a ward. All
this has been done that the Church may
better serve its members.

One of the big problems which con-
fronts us is the providing of suitable so-
cial and recreational facilities for our
young people. In a metropolitan area
where amusement is highly commer-
cialized and temptations are rampant,
where there are a thousand and one
things to compete with us for the atten-
tion of our young folk, this problem be-
comes a serious one indeed. It can be
properly and successfully solved only
through understanding and united effort.

We are glad to note the healthy con-
dition of our M. I. A., a most potent
tool in this work. Real progress has been
made, especially in the past year, in pro-
viding a wholesome program of enter-
tainment. On the whole, the ward group
parties have been very successful. There
is, of course, room for improvement, and
it is the desire and expectation of your
Stake Presidency that those in charge
will carefully analyze the picture so that
further progress will be registered during
the coming year.

In this connection we desire especially
to call to the attention of all officers and
teachers of M. I. A. and Primary, the
fact that theirs is a year-round program.
Too much emphasis has been placed in
the past, unfortunately, upon a season
for these organizations which coincides
with the school year. This tends to leave
our young people unprovided for during
the vacation season—the very time when
supervision is most needed. We cannot
emphasize too strongly, therefore, the de-
sirability of getting acquainted with and
inaugurating the summer program out-
lined for these organizations by the gen-
eral boards. We hope to see during the
summer coming, these summer programs
in full operation. It can be done, we be-
lieve, without sacrificing individual va-
cations if only the work be properly
planned, and the dividends which will
result will, we are sure, more than justify
the effort.

As we have grown in numbers in this
Stake, let us strive likewise to increase
the quality of our work.

Faithfully yours,
EUGENE HILTON,
W. GLENN HARMON,
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL

Alameda: Claude M. Dewsnup, Harry Fletcher.
Berkeley: Don J. Alphin, John C. Stirrat.
Claremont: Don C. Wood.
Dimond: Grant Ellis, Hugh P. Anderson.
Elmhurst: Victor C. Lindblad, George Southgate.
Hayward: Wayne E. Mayhew, Oscar Fontana.
Maxwell Park: R. Kendall Thomas, John G. Shields.
Martinez: W. G. Harmon.
Napa: Clyde J. Summerhays.
Oakland: Eugene Hilton.
Pittsburg: Wm. J. Nielsen, Elmo Carr.
Richmond: Nathan G. Tolman, Peter Borup.
Vallejo: Leo Crandall, C. C. Carr.

MISSIONARIES GONE AND GOING

Dimond and Rich-
mond wards are the
latest to add to our
quota of foreign mis-
sionaries in the field.
A farewell party was
held in Dimond on
March 1 for Miss Al-
yce Lauper prior to
her departure for the
eastern states. Miss
Lauper's mission
comes hard upon the
heels of her brother
Dennis' return from
the Swiss-German
mission; another brother,
Ralph, is still in
the field. THE MESSENGER regrets not having
a photograph of her to publish at this time, but
that will follow in an early issue.

The first missionary from Richmond ward
for quite some time is Elder Jack C. Dewsnup,
son of Claude M. and Nettie Dewsnup, for
whom a farewell party will be given in the
Richmond chapel on April 10. He goes to the
east central states. Jack was born July 30,
1919, in Richmond. After graduating from
high school he attended the San Francisco
Junior College. He has been active in various
ward offices, having recently been appointed
Aaronic priesthood supervisor.

RELIEF SOCIETY BIRTHDAY FITTINGLY OBSERVED

Throughout Oakland Stake the ninety-eighth
birthday of the Women's Relief Society was
observed on March 17. Special programs were
rendered in all wards on Sunday evening, the
highlight of which was a pageant written for
the occasion by the Relief Society Stake board
and depicting the history of this world's oldest
women's organization.

Typical of the work carried on by it through-
out its life was the creation of its wheat fund.
In 1875 President Brigham Young, realizing
the importance of an adequate food supply for
the isolated pioneers in Utah, conferred with
Mrs. Emmeline B. Wells, president of the Re-
lief Society, and under her direction the work
of gleaning the fields was undertaken. Like
Ruth of old, the women, assisted by chil-
dren and girls, gleaned the fields of their re-
spective neighborhoods, carrying the wheat in
their aprons to their special repository.

Women living in cities and towns having no
opportunity to glean fields donated cash, made
and sold quilts and other articles, set aside
funds from sale of Sunday-laid eggs. Gradually
hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of
grain were acquired, stored in the society's own
granaries or in church elevators against time
of need.

And many unfortunate people in all parts
of the world have reason to bless these women
gleaners. In 1906 and upon the heels of the
earthquake, a carload of wheat was sent to
San Francisco, followed by a carload of bedding
and hospital supplies. Later a carload of flour
was sent to sufferers in a Mississippi flood.
In 1918, 100,000 bushels of wheat were turned
over to the government for distribution. And
a second consignment of over 100,000 bushels
was sold to the food administration at a price
fixed by the government. And it all came
from gleaning.

The New York Herald-Tribune stated that,
"Mr. Hoover also has written the first presi-
dency expressing the appreciation of the food
administration for such an action, since it
yields not only a substantial addition of sorely
needed food for allied and American soldiers,
but furnishes also an example felt far outside
the field of its immediate application."



Jack C. Dewsnup

ONE WHO KNEW THE PROPHET

By ISAAC B. BALL

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the sixth in a series of
a short biography of Joseph Mayberry, father
of Sister Josephine Mayberry Braley of Clare-
mont ward. Another installment will appear in
an early issue.)

Our last installment contained young May-
berry's description (he was then in his twen-
tieth year) of the sad days in Nauvoo when
word was received of the martyrdom of Joseph
the Prophet and Hyrum the Patriarch, June
27th, 1844.

But the Church and the work of Zion went
on. Our diarist records: "On August the 8th
1844, a meeting was called by the Twelve
Apostles to decide upon the one who should
stand in the Prophet's place at the head of the
Church. . . . At the meeting Sidney Rigdon
arose, and made a lengthy speech, setting forth
his qualifications and his right to stand at the
head of the Church. But he had made but very
little impression upon those assembled when he
sat down.

"Brigham Young arose. His appearance was

like that of the Prophet Joseph Smith. The
mantle of the Prophet rested upon him. His
voice was like that of the Prophet as he said,
'I am the man to lead this people.'

"Of course this was true, because he had
been for years the president of the Quorum
of the Twelve Apostles."

At this critical point in his simple diary,
Brother Mayberry dramatically declares his
personal testimony of the divine calling that
rested that day upon President Brigham Young.
He writes: "I, Joseph Mayberry, have this to
say: I was there; I saw the transfiguration. I
heard his voice. I knew he was the man chosen
by the Lord to lead His people. We accepted
him as our leader, and were willing to do what-
ever he called upon us to do."

The saints in Nauvoo again took up their
duties of completing the Nauvoo Temple, secur-
ing their endowments, and preparing to leave
Nauvoo for an unknown home in the west.
All of this was done under the greatest dif-
ficulties because of the persecutions of their
enemies who followed the martyrdom of the
Prophet with unlawful demands that the body
of the saints leave the state and abandon their

farms, their temple and all their possessions.

Soon after being ordained a seventy—he was
then just twenty-one—he records: "On Sun-
day evening, February 23, 1845, at a seventy's
meeting held in Nauvoo, John D. Lee, presid-
ing, asked for thirteen men to volunteer to do
donation work in a brick factory for the temple.
I was the fourth man to volunteer my services.
I donated four months for the temple, and two
months for tithing."

Three months and a day after he began
making brick for the temple, the saints could
assemble to see President Young lay its cap-
stone. This was "at six o'clock in the morning,
amidst solemn services. After this we all shouted
for joy, 'Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna! to God
and the Lamb! Amen, Amen, Amen!' Thou-
sands were assembled there. The Spirit of the
Lord rested upon us, and we knew that the
temple had been accepted of the Lord."

"The temple was opened for endowments in
October, 1844. The first presidency, apostles
and their wives were the first to receive their
endowments in the Nauvoo Temple. This was
because they were expected to be the first to
leave for the west to find a place for the saints
to locate permanently.

"On January 6, 1845, the temple was open
to the saints for all to enter who were worthy
of recommendation and endowments. On the
8th of January, my mother, my brothers,
Gabriel and David, and I went through the
temple and received our endowments; the great
recompense! the fruit of our many sacrifices!
On account of mob violence the temple was
closed for a few days, opening on the 7th of
February, 1845, when my brother Thomas and
my father, John Mayberry, received their en-
dowments, while on the following day my sister,
Mary, received her endowments and was mar-
ried to Robert Collins."

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YOUTH CONVENTION SOON

Sacramento will play host this year to the annual Youth Convention, which brings together the M Men and Gleaners from all northern California Stakes and mission. The time will probably be early May, exact date to be announced.

GLEANERS PLAY POLITICS

Each ward Gleaner organization has elected a candidate for Stake president, vice-president, secretary and publicity director. The month of April has been designated for getting these candidates acquainted in all the wards. In May a banquet will be held at which Stake officers will be finally chosen.

RICHMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel, Corner 28th Street and Nevin Avenue, Richmond

Mrs. Arland Olsen was honored at a Stork Shower given Friday, March 8, by the Primary officers and teachers. Many beautiful gifts were received.

The Chi Gamma Chi club enjoyed a pleasant afternoon at Nichols Park during Easter vacation. Outdoor sports and a picnic were enjoyed.

The ward Relief Society celebrated their birthday anniversary on Sunday evening, March 17. A "March of Time" program was given, depicting the growth of the Relief Society from its beginning to the present time.

Mrs. Ethel Dietliker was called to Los Angeles upon the death of her sister-in-law.

Mr. William R. Fuller has been in Mesa, Arizona, doing Temple work.

A Daughter of Pioneers camp meeting was held Thursday, March 28, at the home of Mrs. Virgil Stanger.

Mrs. Francis Miller of Nephi, Utah, is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Florence Wright, and family.

Mrs. Alice Wright and her grandson, Richard Wright, spent a week visiting in Sparks, Nevada. They also attended the premiere of "Virginia City" at Reno.

A Relief Society birthday party was held

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Tuesday, March 12. Everyone brought birthday gifts for the ward Welfare Project. Games were played and birthday cake and ice cream were served.

MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at 1022 Thompson Street, Martinez

Both Mr. and Mrs. D. Sanders are well again after several weeks' illness with flu and pneumonia.

We are happy to see Miss Betty Nott and Mrs. George Ridge around again after recent operations.

Mrs. Hattie Vom Dorp and Mrs. Florence Wanlass entertained the ladies of the Relief Society, March 8, at the Wanlass home in Rodeo.

Relief Society conference was held March 17. A fine program was presented. Mrs. Maybelle Anderson of the Stake Board was a visitor.

Mrs. Elsie Nix and Mrs. Valentine Dahlin went on the pilgrimage to the Mesa Temple.

Mr. W. B. Knowles has returned from a short trip to Long Beach.

Mrs. Berta Evenson had her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wooley, of Los Angeles, visiting at her home during Easter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oyler of Garland, Utah, who have spent the winter in Martinez, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Ray Cook, were given a farewell party, March 22, previous to their departure for their home.

The children of the Primary were entertained at an Easter egg hunt and picnic at the Municipal park, March 22.

An Easter program was presented at Sunday School, Easter Sunday. A record attendance of 140 was present, the largest we have had since the organization of the ward.

Mrs. Mernie Bunce of San Francisco, a former member of our ward, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Valentine Dahlin.

ALAMEDA WARD

Services Held at Odd Fellows Hall, Corner Park St. and Santa Clara Ave., Alameda

Changes made in the Relief Society are Mrs. Marie Meuter, president; Mrs. Alfrette Little, first counselor; Mrs. Marie Wilton, second counselor, and Mrs. Ruth Howcroft, secretary-treasurer. Changes made in the Primary are Mrs. Viola Lee, president; Mrs. Rozina Yeaman, first counselor; Mrs. Mabelle Radabaugh, second counselor, and Mrs. Lorene Powell, secretary-treasurer.

The Bishopric held Open House at the home of Bishop Jensen on February 18 to secure money for the Building Fund. After a few words from our Bishop concerning the increasing funds for this purpose, we are looking forward to start building soon.

On March 3, the Bee Hive Girls celebrated their 25th Silver Jubilee by presenting a very entertaining program.

The Relief Society celebrated their 98th anniversary on Sunday, March 17, with an in-

teresting program characterizing great women of the Relief Society.

The present Primary officers gave the outgoing president, Mrs. Vivian Schaefer, a luncheon, and presented her with a gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Tolman and family, from Logan, Utah, visited Mr. and Mrs. Seavers, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, and Mr. and Mrs. Hughes for about a week.

On Monday, March 11, a party was held in honor of the returned newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Ivin Hilton.

The M. I. A. queen this year was Isabell Bevans.

Miss Lucille Crandall spent the week including Washington's birthday in the snow.

The funeral services for brother Peter Targetta was held March 19 at Fowler-Anderson, Funeral parlors.

The many friends of James H. Crockwell are happy to know of his remarkable convalescence following a major operation. His 85th birthday anniversary was fittingly celebrated at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Carrington, on March 21.

The ward welcomes the following new members: Melvina C. Holdaway, Mrs. Jennie Gibson, Mrs. Eva Manion and daughter Nancy Marlene, Jack Poulson Jr., Donald and Kenneth Boyles.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hoffman and daughter, Charlene, have moved to Huntington Park ward, Los Angeles.

CLAREMONT WARD

Services Held at 2980 Adeline Street, Berkeley

Martin Jefferies was sustained as associate ward clerk.

Iredone and Jack Neilson have moved from Claremont ward into Berkeley ward. Iredone was song leader in the Relief Society and in the Young Ladies' Mutual presidency.

Elizabeth Burdett and her son, Bob, are in Burbank visiting with Marie and Bud Compton, Mrs. Burdett's daughter and son-in-law.

The members of the Junior Gospel Message class held a skating party March 20 at Rollerland.

April 6 in Berkeley ward, the Mutual is sponsoring a vaudeville and a one-act play, directed by Faye Christianson Bromley. The ladies' chorus will present a Melody Memory.

March 30 at Tilden Park, Claremont ward was host to Berkeley, Oakland, and Richmond wards, at an outing.

At the home of Helen Clovis, president of the Young Ladies' Mutual, the officers and teachers of the Mutual held a social, March 3.

Joe Wood is in Virginia, training in an army camp. His training will end in June.

March 20, the officers and teachers of the Primary held a social at the home of Thelma Telford, Primary president.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Anderson became the parents of a boy March 19. Vivian Anderson is in Grantsville where her son was born, and was the home of both parents before they moved to Berkeley.

Emma Webb of Long Beach, was here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Rawson. Accompanying Mrs. Webb was her two daughters and her niece, Doris Rawson.

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Mr. K. D. Lowry returned March 19 from a trip to Australia. After a few days with his family he left again for Australia March 26.

March 17 the Relief Society held their annual conference.

Harold Gaisford is now studying arts of drama and radio at the Theater Arts colony of San Francisco.

DIMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel at 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland

Mrs. Jeane Russell, mother of William and Clyde Russell, died Friday, March 15. Funeral services were held for her March 17, after which her remains were shipped to Eureka, Utah, for burial.

Hazel Allen is the new Primary superintendent. She has selected Blanche Jacobs as her first counsellor. The officers' and teachers' monthly meeting and social is scheduled for April 3 at the home of Katherine Dorius, with Mildred Olsen and Evangeline Peddler as assistant hostesses.

Superintendent Allen reports the attendance at Primary excellent, with only a few less children since the division of the ward. The day before Easter Sunday, the children were surprised with decorated Easter eggs.

For their "Comradery" Night the Gleaner Girls were entertained by Effie Gibbs at a "Candle-light Tea" at her home; Francell Larsen, Berkeley violinist furnished the music, and Aimee Anderson, the Berkeley Gleaner leader, was the guest of honor.

"The March of Time with the Relief Society" was the theme carried out at the Relief Society conference, March 17. Counsellor Ruth Hilton was the Stake representative, also the Commentator. Others taking part were "Infant Relief Society," Nancy Shurtliff; "President Lyman," Mildred Morgan; "Eliza R. Snow," Cleo Ricks; "Wheat," June Weindorf; "Music," Rose Weiland; "Education," Effie Gibbs. President Ruth Shurtliff has chosen June Weindorf as her first counselor.

Many pleasing comments have been made over the artistic arrangements of flowers for the chapel since Mary Cherrington accepted the chairmanship of the "beautification committee."

Before thirty guests at a delightful party at the Weindorf home, Saturday evening, March 23, Roy Weindorf and Vera Harper announced their engagement.

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers are holding their next meeting Thursday, April 4, at the home of Miriam Lee; Mavis Humphrey is the assisting hostess.

VALLEJO WARD

Meet at 2010 Marin Street, Vallejo

Under the direction of Exic Stevens and Walter Bolander the Bee-Hive Girls and Scouts enjoyed a delightful party Friday evening, March 1.

The Sunday evening service March 3, was an enjoyable evening. The program was given by the Bee-Hive Girls, supervised by Exic Stevens and Ruby Dorman.

Saturday evening, March 9, the Primary officers and teachers gave a delightful dance in the ward hall which was well attended.

Sunday, March 10, Patriarch I. B. Ball and Mrs. Ball were visitors in Vallejo ward. During the afternoon several of our members received blessings and in the evening Mr. Ball was the

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speaker.

Vallejo ward was well represented at the Green and Gold Ball in Oakland, March 15, where everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening and were happy to see our ward queen, Doris Gilbert, crowned as Stake Queen.

March 17 was the 98th birthday anniversary of the Relief Society and was celebrated in our ward by an exhibit of the handiwork of our members, a well as a beautiful birthday cake. Prior to the conference session, cake and punch were served in the Relief Society room.

Mrs. Ada Lindblad of the Relief Society Stake board was a visitor to our conference, which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

In song and story the Bee Hive Girls celebrated the silver jubilee of the founding of Bee Hive work. Short historical and reminiscent speeches were given of the different phases of the work. Anna Ellsworth was the speaker of the evening. She spoke to the subject, "A Bee Hive Girl Enriches the Home."

Special service recognition was given to former Beekeepers of the ward, by Bishop Farr. Each keeper was presented with a corsage in appreciation of her services.

March is the special Relief Society month. Honoring the retiring presidency the incoming presidency entertained on Thursday, March 14. A special program was arranged consisting of a vocal solo by Charlotte Cummings; violin solo by Ollie Jean Lawrence, talk and resolution for President Hannah Richards by Anna Ellsworth; solo by Orthella Hughes, and a reading by Margaret Ashton. Gifts were presented to Hannah Richards, La Ree Tolman, and Charlotte Cummings by the new president, Myrl E. Coltrin. Refreshments were served by the new presidency—Myrl Coltrin, Ruth Abersold, Rosabel Ashton, and Neva Hill.

On Sunday evening, March 17, was held Relief Society conference. This being the birthday of the organization, it was fitting that the pageant, "March of Time with Relief Society," be given. This pageant was written by Stake President Anna Ellsworth and directed by Mr. and Mrs. R. Kendall Thomas.

The choir rendered the Easter anthem, "Open Your Eyes." The phases of the growth of the Relief Society were depicted in the following episodes—"The birth of Relief Society," by Mary Lou Coombs; "Visiting Teachers," by Hanna Richards; "Eliza R. Snow," June H.

Ellis; "Saving Grain," By La Ree Tolman; "Music," by Charlotte Cummings who sang "O My Father," and "I Know My Redeemer Lives." Mrs. Rosabel Ashton represented the Relief Society as a unit of the National Federation of Women's Clubs; Marian Wilson, "Education," and President Myrl Coltrin, "The purpose of the Relief Society of today." The closing song, "One Thousand Strong," was sung by the Relief Society women after which the closing prayer was pronounced by Mrs. Nelson of the Stake Board. Sheldon Erickson and Newell Call were the readers for the pageant production.

A special Easter program was presented Easter morning under the direction of Orthella Hughes, music director of the Sunday School. Preliminary music was played by Mary Russell at the organ. The opening song, "The Lord Is My Light," by the congregation, was followed by invocation by Lynn Knight. Special sacrament music was given by Grace Boyack, organ, and Marjorie Cummings, piano. The following program then followed—Vocal solos by Naomi Groom, accompanied by Nelle Bean; violin solos by Lynn Lawrence, with Mary Russell at the piano; organ solo by Karleton Driggs; solo by La Von Johnson; and an instrumental trio by Francell Larsen, violin, Grace Boyack, organ, and Marjorie Cummings, piano. The speaker, Meredith Wilson, spoke on "The Meaning of Easter."

At the Sunday evening service the A capella Choir of the Roosevelt High School, under the direction of Seth Lloyd, gave a special Easter program of chorus numbers and solos. Spencer Taggart spoke on the subject, "The Need Today of the Teachings of Jesus."

ELMHURST WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

The Bee Hive Girls gave an excellent program at the M. I. A. Conjoint Sunday Evening, March 3, in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the organization.

A S. Patrick's Day dance was held in the recreation hall, under the direction of the Relief Society, on the evening of March 16. Although a small crowd was in attendance, the evening was greatly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Lucille Brown has gone to Los Angeles, where she will visit with friends and relatives for a month.

The Young Woman's M. I. A. has been re-organized, due to the resignation of Mrs. La Preale Moody who has been a very faithful

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president for several years. Mrs. Marguarite Marchant has been selected to act as the new president, and Elise Henderson will serve as her activity counsellor.

The Relief Society held its annual ward conference on the evening of its 98th anniversary, March 17. The program, which was in the form of a pageant, depicted the work which has been done by the society, and a short sketch of the lives of the leaders.

Filling vacancies in the M. I. A. due to the dividing of the ward, Carl Wachter will act as leader of the "M" Men, Thomas Noble as leader of the Junior "M" Men, and John Drushall will serve as active director.

MARRY IN TEMPLE

The wedding of Miss Helene Brummet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Burten Brummet, and Newell Christensen, was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple, Tuesday, April 2. Helene's many friends, throughout both the ward and the Stake, extend their very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Christensen, who will make their home in Provo, Utah.

A trousseau tea was given by Mr. and Mrs. H. Burten Brummet, at their home on 105th Ave. on March 18, in honor of their daughter Helene.

The Primary Association, under the leadership of Mrs. Eva Hunter, gave an Easter party for the children of the ward at the recreation hall on Saturday, March 23. After the enjoyable games, delicious refreshments were served the children.

The "M" Men and Gleaner Girls recently held a hay ride and weiner roast under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Smoot Brimhall, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Marchant. About twenty-five of the young people of the ward were present, and all reported having a very good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaun Moody have just returned from their vacation. They spent two weeks motoring through Southern California and Northern Mexico.

Merlin Stoker has been chosen as the new superintendent of the Sunday School, in place of Ray Darton who is now acting as ward clerk. Merlin has chosen as his counselors, Vale Cheney and Clyde Brush.

The Family Relations group of the Relief Society, under the direction of Mrs. Helen Day, attended the course of lectures given by Dr. Paul Popenoe, at the Congregational Church in Berkeley, March 26. Dr. Popenoe was the author of their course of study, last year.

Easter was celebrated in the Elmhurst ward by a beautiful Easter program, given under the direction of the Sunday School. The Chapel was decorated with lovely spring flowers, and the services greatly enjoyed by all.

Mr. J. H. Behunin, accompanied by his daughter, Dorothy, is visiting with relatives in Elmhurst. Mr. Behunin, whose home is in Cour-de-Alene, Idaho, has been ill for some time, and has come with the hope that the lower altitude and milder climate will be beneficial to his health.

The Bee Hive Girls hiked up to Chabot Observatory on Friday afternoon, March 23. They cooked their dinner over a camp fire and had a lot of fun. The Seagull Girls, who will be Bee Hive Girls next year, were their special guests.

The Relief Society has filled the vacancies in its ranks due to the division of the ward as follows: Ida Nielsen, co-ordinator; Ethel Franzen, chorister; Cora Perkins, magazine agent; and Nissina Mattler, teacher's topic director.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook, Oakland, a son, November 30.
To Mr. and Mrs. Armand Bellandi, Oakland, a daughter, February 17.
To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Eyring, Berkeley, a daughter, March 25.

BLESSINGS:

Thelma Jean Merrill, Russell Emil Sundell Karen Lee Hansen and Charlene Forgeon, Berkeley.
Gary Glenn Lott, Martinez.
Jedith Dee Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Nelson, Richmond.
Sandra Carol Olsen, Richmond.
Henry Clarence Cook Jr., Oakland.
Mautine Louise Bellandi, Oakland.
Beverly Jean Schaefer, Arlene Glenda Ferreira, Carol Ann Johnson, Alameda.
Gary H. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cook Dimond.
Sykvua Eleanor Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sibley Cox.

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

Irene Lillian Dennis, Alameda.
Jewel LaVon Dennis, Alameda.
Albert Harold Davis, Oakland.

ORDINATIONS:

William Hoyt, Oakland, Teacher.
Kenneth Shields, Oakland, Priest.
Keith Crandall, Alameda, Teacher.
Oscar Neil McCarthy, Dimond, Deacon.
Frank Warren Ricks, Dimond, Priest.
Edwin Coltrin, Berkeley, Teacher.
Walker Stout, Berkeley, Teacher.
Lawrence Stout, Berkeley, Priest.
Leslie Noe, Berkeley, Priest.
Marion Johnson, Berkeley, Priest.
Thorvald Honsvick, Vallejo, Priest.
Leland Stanford Knight, Vallejo, Priest.

MARRIAGES:

Helene Brummet and Newell Christensen, Elmhurst, April 2, in Salt Lake Temple.
Virginia Bessey and Gus Marials, Alameda, March 16, at Alameda.

DEATHS:

Pierre Targhetta, Alameda, March 16.

OAKLAND WARD

Services Held at Chapel, Corner Moss Ave. and Webster Street, Oakland

Bishop and Mrs. John G. Shields were called to Tooele, Utah, to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Louise Shields, who died February 25.

The annual ward reunion was held February 22, with a dinner, program and dance. About 300 members enjoyed the evening.

Mrs. Florence Hogan, mother of Mrs. Mildred Bradley, has been confined in the hospital for the past several weeks, following an operation on her eyes.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whiffen March 18.

The Relief Society held their annual conference Sunday evening, March 17. A very interesting program was given by the different members of the Relief Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barney have moved to Salt Lake City, where they will make their home. Mr. Barney was transferred to Salt Lake City in connection with his work.

Mrs. Sam Breck is back with us again, after her recent illness. Mrs. Breck was confined to her home with pneumonia, for several weeks.

Mrs. Ruth Bowen, chorister of the Relief Society, and Mrs. Phylis Warnick, literary teacher, who have been visiting their parents in Utah, are back with us again.

Troubled again with a bad knee, Mr. Joseph Thoresen, supervisor of the Teacher' Quorum, is confined in a San Francisco hospital.

The Primary is holding their Spring Festival on April 27.

Among those who motored to the Arizona Temple are: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baldwin, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Elliott.

An Easter party was given to the Primary children March 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fletcher have just recently moved to the Elmhurst ward.

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